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Application No. 09/842,234

### REMARKS

In accordance with the telephone discussions of the past several days, this amendment is being submitted to correct claim 12 to include the inadvertently omitted "the". Moreover, claim 17 depended upon canceled claim 21. Accordingly, an agreement was reached with the Examiner to place claim 17 in independent form in the manner presented herein.

In view of the amendments herein, claims 9 and 27 will be amended, whereby claims 1-18, 20, 22 and 24-33 will remain pending with claims 1, 5, 25, 27 and 32 being independent claims. If any fees are necessary if entry of the claim amendments, authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

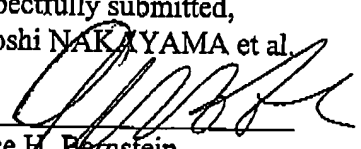
### CONCLUSION

For the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims patentably define Applicants' invention.

Allowance of the application with an early mailing date of the Notice of Allowance and allowability is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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